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## Selectmen's Minutes 05-01-2006

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, May 1, 2006  
 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon, Ms. Rowe.  
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan.

#### FOR APPROVAL

#### Minutes of Meeting: April 10, 2006

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-1-0)

Mr. Hurd abstained.

#### 2. Discussion: Warrant Articles 7, 15, 20, 28, 55

Article 7: Bylaw Amendment/Control of Stormwater Quantity and Quality

Ms. LaCourt moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 15: Bylaw Amendment/Board of Assessors Report

After some discussion between the Selectmen, Mr. Jamieson, Ms. Winstanley O'Connor, Mr. Robert Greeley and Mr. Maher point #1 and point #2 (listed below) of the resolution were agreed upon with a very general descriptive process.

Point 1: A description of the assessment process including the influence of neighborhood, property type, property description, property condition, and property market conditions.

Point 2: Statistics and trend analysis on assessments as they pertain to the various property classes and/or neighborhoods.

Mr. Hurd moved to include in the resolution points #1 and #2. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 20: Easement/55 Venner Road

Mr. Hurd moved to table and refer this matter to the Town Counsel and Town Manager to meet with the homeowners. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 28: Home Rule Legislation/Tax Exemption

Mr. Hurd moved a three-part motion of favorable action to be revisited in a year:

-move to cap income level at \$30,000.

-a 6% interest rate

-grant additional exemptions an increase of 10% to a total of 30%.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 55: Appropriation/Geographic Information System

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of Mr. Belskis substitute motion.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. LaCourt amended this motion to include that the committee include a member with database experience.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley left for Town Meeting at this time and Ms. LaCourt presided over the meeting.

### **APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**

3. Appointment: New Election Worker  
Mary Antworth, 126 Hillside Ave., Pct. 9, U  
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
  
4. Reappointments: Arlington Cultural Council  
Mary Babic  
Shari Ajemian Craig  
(terms to expire 5/09)  
These reappointments were tabled.  
Michèle Meagher  
(term to expire 4/09)  
Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
  
5. Reappointment: Kathleen Kiely Dias Committee  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
(from 4/10/06 meeting)  
Mrs. Mahon moved appointment of Mr. Hurd. SO VOTED (4-0)  
Ms. LaCourt will serve as an alternate for this appointment.

### **LICENSES & PERMITS**

6. Request: Contractor Paving License  
McIver Brothers General Contracting Inc., P.O. Box 207, Lexington  
Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
  
7. Request: Contractor's Drain License  
FE French Construction, Inc. 224 Rutledge Rd., Belmont  
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

**7:15 p.m.**

8. Request: All Alcoholic Beverages License  
Jaspal S. Pabla d/b/a Punjab Fine Indian Cuisine, 485-487 Mass. Ave.  
Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

### **TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS**

9. Report: Safety Issues on Stowecroft Rd.  
Edward Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee  
The Transportation Advisory Committee (T.A.C.) recommends the following:
  1. That the issue be incorporated into the considerations of the Safe Transport to Schools activity for Bishop School.
  2. Analysis work has been done and it will be provided to the Bishop STTS committee.
 Mr. Hurd moved approval of the T.A.C. recommendations. SO VOTED (4-0)
  
10. Discussion: CDBG  
Kevin O'Brien, Director Planning and Community Development  
Mr. Hurd moved approval of the recommended sub committee CDBG FY2007 budget with the change of an additional \$5,000 for the Peirce Field Concession Stand. SO VOTED (4-0)  
Ms. Rowe requested that next year's process be more open and available to all people.

Mrs. Barbara Cutler, Chairman of the Disabilities Commission, expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of amount of money spent on curb cuts in East Arlington and that the Commission should review and advise CDBG projects involving ADA issues. Mrs. Cutler stated she feels the Commission is overlooked in the CDBG process.

Mr. Hurd responded that the curb cuts are part of the Mass Ave. Corridor project and will be taken care of then.

11. Approval: MWRA, May 2006 Funding - \$938,000

Stephen J. Gilligan, Treasurer

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the vote:

Voted: that the sale of the \$938,000 Water Bond of the Town dated May 18, 2006, to the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority, as recommended by the Town Treasurer, is hereby confirmed and the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer are each authorized individually to execute on behalf of the Town a Loan Agreement and a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority with respect to the bond.

SO VOTED (4-0)

12. Approval: Arlington Water Bond - MWRA

Stephen J. Gilligan, Treasurer

Ms. Rowe moved approval (reference above). SO VOTED (4-0)

13. Discussion: Symmes Program Funds

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mr. Hurd moved to postpone until a future meeting. SO VOTED (4-0)

14. Discussion: Feast of The East, 6/3/06

John W. Hurd, Selectman

Mr. Hurd requested permission for this year's Feast of the East on 6/3/06 from 1-5 PM.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

15. Discussion: Recycling Coordinator Position, Article 35

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Ms. Mahon moved to postpone until a future meeting. SO VOTED (4-0)

16. Discussion: Employee's Rights During Political Campaigns

Kevin F. Greeley, Chair, Board of Selectmen

Mrs. Jean Munsey, crossing guard, Ms. Roseanne Cassazza, crossing guard, and Ms. Mary Carter, parent and resident of 152 Robbins Road, spoke on behalf of Mrs. Munsey, the confrontation, and the stress it has caused the crossing guards.

Mr. Sullivan spoke referencing multiple complaints that Chief Ryan was investigating regarding election campaigning. The Selectmen apologized for the stress the guards were feeling and asked for the laws and policies to be distributed and hoped everyone could move past this issue.

Mrs. Mahon moved to refer this to the Town Manager to have the laws and policies distributed.

SO VOTED (4-0)

17. Request: Filming in Arlington by Element Productions

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Jeff MacLean, of Elements Productions, requested permission to shoot a commercial for TD Banknorth on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. MacLean has coordinated all the details with the Town Manager, the Police Department and the abutters.

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to approval of the Town Manager.

SO VOTED (4-0)

18. Discussion: Local Aid

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mrs. Mahon moved to postpone until a future meeting. SO VOTED (4-0)

**Correspondence Received**

Linda Brantley      "2006 Community Unsung Heroines"      Be Rec'd  
Commission on  
The Status of Women

MWRA      Alewife Brook Combined Sewer Overflows Progress Update      Be Rec'd

John Belskis      Warrant Article 55-Appropriation/Geographic Information System      Be Rec'd  
196 Wollaston Ave.

Rosemary Connelly      House Docket No. 5041      Be Rec'd  
Smedile, Chair  
North Andover BOS

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to prepare a letter for House Docket No.5041, requested by Ms. Smedile, North Andover BOS, and present it to the Board.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Rowe reported that she and Mrs. Krepelka would work on retirement recognition for Representative Anne M. Paulsen.

Mr. Hurd moved to recess to Town Meeting at 8:35 PM.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan